



AIR MOBILITY PLANNING STRATEGIC GUIDANCE

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Following the joint operation planning process from Joint Publication (JP) 5-0, [*Joint Operation Planning*](#) and Annex 3-0, [*Operations and Planning*](#), air mobility planning should begin with the strategic guidance from the political and military leadership. This guidance includes the global force management process, the Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan, as well as other strategic documents, to assist in developing deliberate and crisis action plans. There are several factors that affect air mobility planning at the strategic level, to include political, physical, and threat environments.

US Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) and 18th Air Force (Air Forces Transportation) (18 AF [AFTRANS]) develop, analyze, and issue planning guidance for operational plans that balance requirements, capacity, and priorities to adjust the air mobility enterprise to meet the needs of the [*combatant commanders*](#) (CCDRs) and other airlift users in accordance with Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff priority system and USTRANSCOM allocation. 18 AF (AFTRANS) planners consult with CCDRs on the development of standing operation plans, operation plans in concept format, and other contingency plans to ensure overall integration of the air mobility operations enterprise into the supported commander's campaign. For additional overall operational planning guidance, see Annex 3-0 and JP 5-0.
